

HONGKONG, SEPTEMBER 2ND, 1870.

In the articles which have recently appeared in these columns upon the desirability of establishing a Town Council for the management of the details of local administration in Hongkong, it was pointed out that the chief advantages which would result, if that step would be a diminution in heavy expenditure now often incurred for works which are either not wanted or not effectively carried out; a more careful and effectual handling of the public money; the provision of means for meeting the more serious matters of local government—such as lighting, watering, draining, and such details of town management—in place of the haphazard and hazy system now in force of random ordinances on each little matter of this kind as it springs up. A further, and by no means a small advantage of the proposed measure, would be an improvement in the management of the Chinese and the native quarter. A large number of the callousness duties now performed at the DISTRICT CENTRAL office are really done under an ordinary form of local government, would be performed by the staff of a Town Council. Registration, the issue

The *Ceylon Observer*, on receiving the news of the battle at Warth and Forbach, made the following remarks:—"MacMahon fell back before the victorious Prussians through Haguenau along the Strasbourg railway until the found refuge and strong position in the town of Savere, standing on the river Zorn, and at the eastern foot of the Vosges mountains, where we here stop to dwell for a moment. It is a very curious circumstance that those who made their way further back, the Prussian railway through the mountain pass to the town of Nancy, and at Savere, MacMahon must have had an exceedingly strong military position. On the other hand, it is indispensable that the French army should be able to retreat to the town of Crowna. Prussia could dislodge him, and drive his army further back before taking steps to make his retreat. It is a very curious circumstance that even if Prussia, he could not think of crossing the rugged Vosges range, leaving MacMahon in the rear. The *Observer* has here assumed the name of the 'Avesnes,' of the Prussian army, and says:—"The Prussian army, which was at the Phalsbourg (just beyond Savere), Lorraine, and Nancy, could hardly there appear to be no better appointed position. On the 6th, it was reported that the Prussians had had crossed the Rhine at Colmar. This was at first very greatly doubted, and in any case appears very improbable, as this town is far to the south of Weissenburg, and completely removed from the basis of operations. On the 6th, the French army

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The art of rooming, or reasoning, or dodging consequences from premises, was neatly illustrated by John Aikin, a quartermaster of H.M.S. Princess Charlotte, who was charged by one Chan Achin, the master of the Nam Sing Coffee House, in the Queen's Road, with having entered upon his establishment at 7 and 8 o'clock p.m. on the 21st ultimo, and there eaten and consumed various viands to the value of 25 cents each. After dinner was over, defendant told the other man he might go, because he would settle the score. Complainant then asked him for payment, but he would not pay. Defendant threatened to prevent him going, but being the

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It for the army with his staff. He is to command a corps of 80,000 men, hereafter to be raised to 120,000, consisting of seven or eight divisions, including the army of Paris and the troops now at Metz. Marshal Moltke, by this time in Paris, is to have the great command.

peace, and that when we call upon missionaries—

the dispute was the declaration of war upon him from the Prussian ambassador stating that the French Government offered an apology from the King he ridiculous, and did not lay before Count Bismarck also stated that he rejected the mediation of England.

for all dangers. How long could their independence without the very brief period that such a fleet without soldiers and sailors could be exposed to every peril, and in the most literal sense, the title heartily sympathizing with, and

